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AKO Webmail Moving to Outlook

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Most of the people working in the 1st Armored Division headquarters at Baghdad International Airport are already aware that the e-mail portion of Army Knowledge Online can only be accessed between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m., but some may still be confused on why.

The reason for this restriction was AKO Webmail was using 51 percent of the bandwidth – the speed at which the internet connects - available for all of 1AD; interfering with the mission of staff sections like Finance, Reenlistment and Personnel, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Allen Parsons, division information systems technician.

“We have 768 Kilobytes per second bandwidth for 1st Armored Division” Parsons said. “In Germany, a computer with a DSL connection in your home has 512K running to it. We have one-and-a-half times that to support the entire division. We had to do something.”

The division G-6 automation section didn't make new rules to remedy the problem; they started enforcing a policy that was already there, he said.

Parsons said that before 1AD deployed, guidance was given for personnel to forward their e-mail to a local server once they arrived to Baghdad.

Three months later, commo has four servers set up to support local Microsoft Outlook accounts.

Parsons is advising soldiers to set up an Outlook account as soon as possible to avoid the any further hassles with e-mail. All it takes is a trip to the G-6 help desk in the back of the division headquarters building to fill out a short form. Approximately 24 hours later, the user could be e-mailing loved ones to tell about his new higher-speed access.

The local account sends and retrieves messages in the same amount of time it takes to snap a finger, Parsons said, adding that AKO Webmail takes 10 times the bandwidth to pull one e-mail.

Though this is a push away from AKO Webmail for the division headquarters and other units around BIAP, Parsons said the restrictions will not affect the brigade combat teams throughout Baghdad, because those units have far less access to the internet.



Soldiers surf the web at the Cyber Café in the 1AD Division Main.

The cyber cafes, including the one located in the division headquarters building, will also remain unaffected by the changes, he added.

Parsons said there may be a greater bandwidth in the future, but that doesn't mean the access limitations will change.

“There should be no reason to ease the restrictions,” he said. “If everyone has their e-mails forwarded, there's no need to go to AKO Webmail.”

For more information on restrictions or setting up an outlook account, call the help desk at 551-0669.

A Smart Tip from 1AD Safety

CLEARING M-16, M4 AND M9

- ✓ FOLLOW PROPER CLEARING PROCEDURES
- ✓ POINT WEAPON INTO CLEARING BARREL
- ✓ REMOVE MAGAZINE
- ✓ VISUALLY INSPECT CHAMBER

COMPLACENCY CAN KILL

NEWS

U.S Goes Two Days With No Combat Deaths

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - For a second straight day, the U.S. military reported no fatal attacks Sunday on American soldiers in Iraq. In a series of raids, troops detained two dozen people they said were participating in the violent resistance to the U.S. occupation, including a "targeted leader." The U.S. Central Command said Sunday's raids by the 3rd Armored Cavalry in the so-called "Sunni Triangle" west and north of the capital netted "24 regime loyalists, including a targeted leader." It provided no details on the identities of the captives.

Militants OK Truce at Arafat Standoff

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - Palestinian officials said Sunday they had resolved a dispute over 17 militants held at gunpoint in Yasser Arafat's compound and the men would not be transferred to the West Bank town of Jericho, as desired by Israel. An Israeli minister had said movement of the men to Palestinian Authority supervision in Jericho could help Israel to decide to lift a siege of Arafat and pull out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, the Palestinians' administrative headquarters.

Ashcroft: al-Qaida Could Strike Again

WASHINGTON (AP) - There is a "very real potential" that the al-Qaida terrorism network could again strike the United States, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Sunday. "Al-Qaida is still bent on injuring the United States," he said. Ashcroft later said that he believes Osama bin Laden's organization wants "to strike us whenever and wherever they can."

Chaplain's thought for the day:

Wisdom

- I would have you learn this great fact: that a life of doing right is the wisest life there is. If you live that kind of life, you'll not limp or stumble as you run. Proverbs 4:11,12
- Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. - J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 80.
- A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody's experience.

Wisdom, as we can see, is something we are not naturally born with but rather is it is acquired through living our lives faithfully in response to God's grace.

SPORTS

Harvick Wins Brickyard Pole, Sets Record

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- Kevin Harvick set an Indianapolis Motor Speedway track record Saturday in winning the pole for the Brickyard 400. Harvick turned a lap at 184.343 mph on the historic 2 1/2-mile oval in his Chevrolet. He bumped Indiana native Ryan Newman off the pole minutes after Newman set the track record with a lap at 184.238.

Oddly Enough:

Finland Hosts Sauna World Championships

HEINOLA, Finland (AP) - Sweat-oozing men and women from 15 countries competed Saturday to see who could last the longest in 230-degree heat to take the Sauna World Championship title in southern Finland. Watched carefully by judges and doctors, Belarussian Natalia Trifanova snatched the Sauna Queen title from local favorite Annikki Peltonen - last year's winner - with a time of 13 minutes.

On This Day In History:

August 4th 1753

On August 4, 1753, George Washington became a Master Mason, the highest rank in the Fraternity of Freemasonry, in his hometown of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The 21-year-old young man would soon hold his first military commission. Derived from the practices and rituals of the medieval guild system, freemasonry gained popularity in the eighteenth century, particularly in Great Britain. British Masons organized the first North American Chapter in 1731. Masons aroused considerable suspicion in the early American republic with their mysterious rites and closely-held secrets. These fears mushroomed in response to the suspicious death in 1826 of William Morgan, said to have been murdered on account of his threat to reveal the secrets of freemasonry.